

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 16 AUGUST 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0830-0-01 (ACCNO 1219) Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: LAPORTE, MICHAEL LOUIS Date Status assigned: 2 Dec 1977

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	NAVY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A +
Grade	E5	Hair	BLOND	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN		Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	70 in / 1.78 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date		Weight	170 lb / 77.0 kg	Duty pos	MEDIC
Home State	CALIFORNIA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: GROUND SITE
UTM: 48PZC184665
Lat/Long: 155731N / 1075829E
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 1
Mission Province: QUANG NAM-DA NANG
(formerly): QUANG NAM
Mission District: HIEN
Mission Date: 5 Sep 1967 0400L
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Unknown location.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Mar 92
Investigations: Jun 93
Surveys: Jun 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: GROUND SITE - UNKNOWN LOSS

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: GRND	Serial: \$
Crash Type: None	Engine Type: \$
Call Sign: \$	1 Serial: \$
Year: \$	2 Serial: \$

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

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CASE: 0830

=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

14 March 1975

ON 5 SEP 67, HM2 MICHAEL L. LAPORTE WAS THE MEDIC ASSIGNED TO A NINE MAN RECONNAISSANCE PATROL THAT WAS INSERTED INTO "HAPPY VALLEY", (VIC ZC 144 664), SOUTH VIETNAM. AT DROP TIME THE WINDS WERE FORECASTED TO BE NEGLIGIBLE AND FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR THE DROP; HOWEVER, AFTER EXITING THE AIRCRAFT, THE JUMPS ENCOUNTERED A WESTERLY WIND OF 30 KNOTS, CAUSING THE PATROL TO MISS THE DROP ZONE BY APPROXIMATELY 3 1/2 KILOMETERS AND LANDED (VIC ZC 184 665) IN HEAVY CANOPY AND ROUGH TERRAIN. HM2 LAPORTE WAS OBSERVED BY THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TEAM TO BE DRIFTING AWAY FROM THE OTHERS AT A MUCH FASTER RATE IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION. THIS WAS THE LAST TIME

HM2 LAPORTE WAS SEEN. THE DROP AREA WAS SEARCHED BY RECON PERSONNEL AND BROADCASTS WERE MADE BY A US ARMY PSYOPS WARFARE AIRCRAFT, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE SEARCH WAS CALLED OFF AT 1645 ON 6 SEP 67 AND THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE PATROL WERE EXTRACTED. NO TRACE OF LAPORTE WAS FOUND. TWO MEMBERS OF HM2 LAPORTE'S UNIT, HM2 MANUEL PEREZ, AND SSG THOMAS VALLARIO, A FORMER MEMBER OF LAPORTE'S PATROL RAISED THE POSSIBILITY THAT LAPORTE WENT AWOL FROM THE PATROL FOR THE PURPOSE OF GOING TO SAIGON TO BE WITH AN ALLEGED VIETNAMESE WIFE. VALLARIO FURTHER INDICATED THAT LAPORTE PACKED EXTRA FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES PRIOR TO THE PATROL, DREW ALL MONIES DUE HIM

FROM FINANCE AND UPDATED HIS PERSONNEL RECORD. OTHER MEMBERS OF LAPORTE'S PATROL HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THESE ALLEGATIONS, AND A FORMER COMMANDING OFFICER OF LAPORTE'S DID CAST DOUBTS AS TO THE ACCURACY OF VALLARIO'S STATEMENTS. THE PATROL MEMBERS BELIEVE THAT LAPORTE WAS PROBABLY KILLED OR CRITICALLY INJURED AFTER THE JUMP AND WAS UNABLE TO LINK UP WITH HIS COMRADES, (THREE MEMBERS OF THE PATROL HAD TO BE MEDEVACED AFTER LANDING IN THE HIGH WINDS AND EXTREMELY ROUGH TERRAIN (REF 1, 2, 4 & 5). HM2 LAPORTE IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== REFERENCES ===

14 March 1975

REFERENCES: <1> RPT, HQ 1ST RECON BN 1ST MARINE DIV, FMF, W/STATEMENTS, 19 SEP 67. <2> RPT, HQ 1ST RECON BN 1ST MAR DIV, FMF, W/STATEMENTS, 19 SEP 67. <3> RPT, BIOGRAPHICAL DATA FROM: CASE OF MICHAEL LAPORTE, 21 SEP 67. <4> RPT, HQ 2ND CI TEAM, FILE #12-68-5X, W/STATEMENTS, 1 AUG 68. <5> RPT, MACJ2 FROM 34, PAGE 4, PARAGRAPH 11, 20 MAR 67. <6> CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH 240354Z JUL 93.

CASE: 0830 === NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

2 April 1992

CASE NARRATIVE PASSED TO THE VIETNAMESE DURING THE 30 MARCH 1992
TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

12 August 1993

ON 11 JUL 93, IE4 TRAVELLED TO #1 HOA PHU HAMLET, PHO TUC VILLAGE, HOA
VANG DISTRICT, QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 0830. THE
TEAM INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES THAT PROVIDED INFORMATION THAT POSSIBLY
CORRELATES TO CASE 0830 BY CIRCUMSTANCE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED NO FIRSTHAND
WITNESSES OR ANY INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD PERSONAL EFFECTS OR REMAINS PERTAINING
TO THE MISSING U.S. SERVICEMAN IN CASE 0830. THE TEAM TRAVELLED TO THE
LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF CASE 0830 AND CONDUCTED A GROUND SEARCH THAT HAD
NEGATIVE RESULTS. (REF 6)

JONT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 23 JULY 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0832-1-01 (ACCNO 5197)	Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED	
Name: ANSPACH, ROBERT ALLEN	Date Status assigned: 5 Dec 1967	
Nationality AMERICAN	Race CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit \$
Service ARMY	Sex MALE	Blood type O #
Grade E7	Hair BLOND	Complexion #
SSAN	Eyes BROWN	Weapon #
Serial No	Height 68 in / 1.73 mtrs	Weapon No #
Birth date	Weight 160 lb / 72.5 kg	Duty pos PLT SGT
Home State MISSOURI	Religion PROTESTANT	PW Camp \$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

	INCIDENT LOCATION (0)	LAST KNOWN LOCATION (1)
Site Type:	GROUND SITE	
UTM:	48PWT301036	48PWT294048
Lat/Long:	105320N / 1051632E	105359N / 1051609E
Country:	SOUTH VIETNAM	CAMBODIA
Military Region:	4	1
Mission Province:	DONG THAP	
(formerly):		PREY VENG
Mission District:	HONG NGU	
Mission Date:	11 Sep 1967	
Mission Category:	3	
Local Analysis:	None.	Near populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Feb 93, Jan 92, Mar 87
Investigations: Jun 92
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: GROUND SITE - INLAND WATER

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: BOAT	Serial: \$
Crash Type: None	Engine Type: \$
Call Sign: \$	1 Serial: \$
Year: \$	2 Serial: \$

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